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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Inventors: Naoyasu MIYAGAWA, et al. Art Unit: 2655

Appln. No.:

09/420,603

Examiner: N. Hindi

Filed:

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For:

OPTICAL RECORDING/REPRODUCING APPARATUS FOR OPTICAL DISKS WITH VARIOUS DISK SUBSTRATE

THICKNESSES

CONFIRMATION REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Appellants hereby confirm their Request for Oral Hearing filed July 31, 2003 in connection with the Appeal of the above identified application.

The fee for the hearing as provided in 37 CFR 1.17(d) was paid on July 31, 2003. Any additional fees in connection with this matter may be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4375.

Respectfully submitted,

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